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TRBEAU'S LEAGUE FIGURES

American Association Averages Are Given Out by President. BIG LEAGUERS DO WELL IN BUSH Former Majors Set Pace for the Young Men Who Play in the Teams of Star Double A Organization.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Former major league base ball players stand out prominently among the leading pitchers and fielders of the American association, according to the official averages for the season of 1912 issued today by Thomas M. Livingston, president of the organization. Two former Cleveland pitchers, Krause and Falkenberg, headed the pitching list. Krause's name appears first with thirteen victories and four defeats, giving him an average of .786. It was his remarkable showing with Toledo which caused him to be returned to Cleveland in midseason. His second entrance to the major league was marked by a string of defeats, however. Although Falkenberg is named second on the official list, he was the real league leader with twenty-five victories and eight defeats, a percentage of .758. Falkenberg was with Washington before he went to Cleveland. This was "Cy's" first year in the minors since he left the American league.

Packard, a Columbus pitcher, suffered the same number of defeats as Falkenberg, but won one less so he finished third with a mark of .750. Rieger of St. Paul leads the pitchers in fielding having a clean record in twenty-five games. He averaged a fifty-one chance. "Rube" Waddell's name tops the list of fielders. Among the first basemen, Jones of Milwaukee, the old American league player, took first honors, making only twenty-six errors in 109 games and establishing a percentage of .984. Delahanty of Minneapolis set a mark of .965, but he participated in only twenty-two games.

Best Second Basemen. Otto Williams, who has been in the association for many years, topped the second basemen with a mark of .970 for 165 games. Rockenfield of Kansas City, who will be seen in the Western league this year, made a percentage of .978, but in only twenty-eight games. Eddie Lennox, who started the season with the Chicago Nationals, went to Louisville and finished in Kansas City, fielded .955 at third base in eighty-six games. Wenzel of Indianapolis set a mark of .968 in fifty-one games.

At shortstop McKenbach of St. Paul, fielded .914 in forty-one games and was ranked first. Beaumiller of Louisville, ranks fourth officially, but in 162 games he made a mark of .902. Corridon, whom Kansas City sold to Detroit and who recently was sold to Cincinnati in the Tinker deal for \$50,000, finished only .864. Johns of Columbus accepted fifty-eight chances in the outfield without an error and obtained first place in his list. Burns of Toledo, however, accepted 337 chances and set a mark of .879 so he probably should be regarded as the leading outfielder.

Felding honors in the catching department belong to Owens, who used to pitch in the American league, but who worked behind the bat last season for Minneapolis. In 136 games he made only fourteen errors, setting a mark of .988. Ray Schalk, who came to the Chicago Americans from Milwaukee, made seven errors in eighty games and is credited with a percentage of .986.

The Indianapolis club fielded .955 as a team and lead the league, making it evident that they were weak in the batting department else they might have finished higher in the pennant race. Other teams fielded as follows: Columbus, .931; Toledo, .922; Minneapolis, .911; St. Paul, .901; Louisville, .899; Kansas City, .881; Milwaukee, .87.

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Table with columns: Name and Club, G., P.O., A., E., Pct. Lists individual fielding statistics for various players across different teams.

THORPE NO BASE BALL PITCHER

When Jim Thorpe, champion all-around athlete of the world, and star of the Carlisle football team, attempted to make good as a pitcher for the Andarko base ball team, he did not come up to expectations and was released. This was several years ago. He now plays independent ball in central Oklahoma every summer, and his showing of last season has caused many to predict that he will be just fit to join a big league club, when he leaves Carlisle.

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Beatrice is rated as one of the best foot ball schools in the state and the alumni have been anxious to have this institution well represented. Beatrice gave the Cornhuskers Leonard Purdy, who next fall is to captain the team. It also has given the school Whetherford, who is said to be one of the greatest line charging backs that Nebraska field has ever seen. He is a freshman now and will be eligible for the varsity next fall.

Nebraska City and Ashland also are good sources of supply for the state school and each fall sends many students to the big school. Many other towns in the state have accepted the invitations and the indications now point to more than 300 high school students being present.

Annual All to Be There. Very few Omaha alumni of Nebraska will not be present at the banquet. If any man is kept away from the big entertainment it will be owing to the fact that he is ill or out of the city. Every graduate of the school and every man who ever attended the Cornhusker institution is going to be on hand.

Most of the alumni are subscribing \$5 in order that the expenses of the visitors may be paid. The regular price of tickets is \$2, but all of the alumni feel that the banquet is the result of such a fine idea and will result in such a great success that they are willing to give \$5.

JOE TINKER SIGNS WITH CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 18.—Joseph Tinker signed a contract with the Cincinnati National league team and last night assumed his duties as manager.

KEARNEY FOOT BALL TEAM RE-ELECTS RANDOLPH

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Captain "Bob" Randolph, the big tackle on the Kearney Normal team, who was selected by Coach Holter for the all-state team this year and designated as the best forward passer in the state, was unanimously re-elected this afternoon by the foot ball squad of the institution to the captaincy of the team for the 1913 season, which promises to be his last year on the normal team owing to his subsequent graduation the next spring.

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McCoy displayed a good part of his true form, while Symes fell down woefully, never seeming able to get the balls to rolling right. Time and time again he fell down on shots that ordinarily would prove easy ones for him. Both men secured an average of three billiards an inning, which is below their general game. A large crowd witnessed the contest, staying until the game closed at 12 o'clock. Tonight Cahn and Chambers will meet.

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